

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 1-11 and adds new claims 12-21.

Therefore, the present application has pending claims 12-21.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tamegai (U.S. Patent No. 5,442,614). As indicated above, claims 1-11 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the cancellation of claims 1-11 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 1-11 are taught or suggested by Tamegai whether taken individually or in combination with any of the other references of record. The cancellation of claims 1-11 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application.

The present Amendment adds new claims 12-21. New claims 12-21 recite many features of the present invention not taught or suggested by any of the references of record particularly Tamegai whether taken individually or in combination with each other.

It should be noted that various features recited in the claims are supported by the originally filed specification. For example, the features recited in claims 12 and 17 find support, for example, on page 17, line 20 through page 20, line 5. The features recited in claims 13 and 18 are supported, for example, on page 14, line 15 through page 15, line 18, page 15, lines 5-12 and page 17, line 27 through page 20, line 5 of the present application. The features recited in claims 14 and 19 are supported, for example, on page 26, line 24 through page 28, line 26, page 35, lines

8-15 and page 36, line 5 through page 37, line 14 of the present application. The features recited in claims 15 and 20 are supported, for example, on page 30, lines 18-21, page 31, line 17 through page 33, line 5. The features recited in claims 16 and 21 are supported, for example, on page 23, lines 3-15 of the present application.

Therefore, features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in new claims 12-21 are fully supported by the originally filed specification.

As is quite clear from the above, the present invention provides an image recording method and an image recording/reproducing apparatus for recording image information on a recording medium and for reproducing the image information thus recorded. According to the present invention, when recording image information on a recording medium, at the time of recording image information on the recording medium, the present invention provides for executing at least one substep of setting so as not to execute a verify mode, setting so as not to execute a re-reading operation and setting so as not to execute an automatic defect exchange function. These features are clearly not taught or suggested by Tamegai.

In addition to the above described features, the present invention further provides that when reproducing the image information recorded on the recording medium, at a time a reading for every frame the image information thus recorded on the recording medium and displaying the image information thus read on a monitor, the present invention provides for preventing a frame of the image information with a read error being read again when the frame of the image information is read out of the recording medium, preventing the frame of the image information with a read error from being displayed on the monitor and continuously displaying on the monitor

as it is a frame of image information having been read just before the frame of the image information with a read error.

The above described features of the present invention are also not taught or suggested by Tamegai whether taken individually or in combination with any of the other references of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that new claims 12-21 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of the present application based on new claims 12-21 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.39095X00).

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